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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Singapore Voting

PERHAPS the first reaction of the diehards in Whitehall, who grudgingly conceded the principle of self-government in Singapore will be one of dismay at Saturday's election results. And the protagonists of the concept of Empire are certain to claim that the results show that Britain is squandering away her possessions by premature grants of self-rule in her colonies. Indeed the most surprising feature of the vote is that "left-wing" parties advocating a number of radical reforms have won a majority of the elected seats—18 out of 25—and that the Conservatives and Democrats won only six when they were expected, if not to sweep the polls, then certainly to secure a safe lead.

But the conclusion is hard to avoid that irrespective of the results of the first election and the record of the first elected Government, the two parties representing the wealthy interests in the Colony will attract less and less support.

That the electorate did "vote Chinese" was a reassuring development and indicative of the growth of Chinese political consciousness.

THERE is another complexity in the Singapore scene which is also evident in the vote: the division of the Chinese society into "English Chinese" and "Chinese Chinese". For years the former have been the dominant element in local government as the responsible and highly regarded nominated members. Saturday's vote, possibly reflects a psychological reaction against their leadership.

Certainly it is wrong for political commentators to classify Chinese candidates categorically as pro-Formosa or pro-Peking. The distinction is so broad as to be invidious and does not take into consideration the various factions which, while undeniably pro-China, remain opposed to the extremes of Communism and the Kuomintang.

Singapore need fear no sudden drastic changes in administration as a result of the vote. A coalition including moderate elements appears inevitable. And the Colony's independence and the abolition of the emergency regulations will eventually be decided not by the new Government but by the Governor who reserves control of defence, finance and internal security.

Malicious

M. Grimwood, Director of the Hongkong Government Office in London, recently labelled the campaign in England against Hongkong—manufactured commodities as "vicious." He is right; and it is also malicious as a comment appearing in the Mercantile Guardian, a Lancashire trade publication, illustrates. In it Mr Cyril Lord, British textile manufacturer, is quoted as agreeing with New Zealand manufacturers that Japanese goods are coming through Hongkong under British labels, but he says he cannot convince the Board of Trade of this.

The wretched insinuation is all too clear—that Hongkong exporters are transshipping Japanese goods under the guise of being Hongkong products, obtaining for them Imperial Preference concessions. This fantastic allegation deservedly is spurned by the Board of Trade, which knows it has no foundation, but it is a legend which British manufacturers, jealous of Hongkong's competition, have no hesitation in quoting and repeating, presumably believing that if the lie is big enough, it will eventually be accepted as the truth. Mr Lord has no grounds for making his allegation, and the Mercantile Guardian has justification for publishing it.

INDO-CHINA ANXIETY

Conference In Washington Planned

LATEST SAIGON DEVELOPMENTS

Washington, Apr. 3.

The United States and France are laying plans for a Washington conference on the dangerous situation developing in Indo-China, it was learned today.

Britain, through its diplomatic representatives here, was understood to be in close touch with France and the United States on the Indo-China problem. But present plans did not call for a British representative in the initial phase of the talks expected to begin late in April.

Mr John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State or his Assistant Secretary for Far Eastern Affairs, was expected to represent the United States. Paris press dispatches said that M. Henri L'Aforest, the Secretary of State for Indo-China would fly to Washington to represent France but this could not immediately be confirmed here.

Formosa Talks

Eden, Menon Have Second Meeting

London, Apr. 3.

Sir Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, and Mr. Krishna Menon, India's United Nations representative, continued talks here today on the situation in the Formosa Straits usually reliable sources said.

It was their second meeting within 24 hours. They met yesterday for about 45 minutes and today's discussions lasted about an hour.

Mr. Menon flew here last week after talks with the United States and Canadian governments on the situation in Indo-China and in the Formosa Straits.

He is leaving by air for New Delhi tomorrow to report to his Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru.

Both will attend the 29-nation Afro-Asian conference beginning on April 18 at Bandung, Indonesia, where Formosa and Indo-China will hold top places in the discussions.

India is chairman of the international commission supervising the armistices in the Indo-China states.—Reuter.

Loses Arm,

Ignores Pain

Johannesburg, Apr. 3.

Doctors here today reported the case of a patient who showed a complete disregard for pain after having lost his right arm in a road accident.

The patient, a young Johannesburg resident named Glen Stevens, had his arm severed four inches below the shoulder in a hit-and-run accident yesterday afternoon.

The young man got out of his car, picked up his severed arm, threw it on the back seat of his automobile and drove two miles to a friend's house where a tourniquet was applied to stop the bleeding and an ambulance was called.

On his way to hospital in an ambulance, Stevens told ambulance attendants his story as he puffed on a cigarette.

Shortly afterwards, he underwent an operation. He was reported to be in a satisfactory condition today.—France-Press.

5 Ships Involved In Accidents

Southampton, Apr. 3.

A wave of accidents sent crippled Italian, Dutch and British ships limping to port and left an English coastal tanker a near wreck today.

Only one injury was reported from the five ships involved.

Early today the 7,000-ton Italian cargo ship Valentine Bibolini and the 13,900-ton British Alva Star collided in heavy fog two miles off Brighton. The 483-ton Dutch ship out of Rotterdam reached New Haven about after colliding with the British ship Monica M. off Eastbourne.

The unexplained explosion

she reported that four plates had been buckled and her stern post damaged. In the accident, and her sister was awash.

The Alva Star, which reported back break, also was heading for Southampton.

The Dutch steamer Volharding was towed into New Haven harbour after colliding with the British ship Monica M. off Eastbourne.

The 483-ton Dutch ship out of Rotterdam reached New Haven with a 30-degree list and a 25-foot wash in her starboard side.

Bevan Says: "I Make No Apology"

Fighting Speech To Constituents

London, Apr. 3.

Mr Aneurin Bevan, the leftwing Socialist whose outspoken view brought him to the brink of expulsion from the British Labour party, said tonight that he made "no apology" for his activities.

He told an audience in his home constituency at Ebbw Vale, that some people deplored that there should have been any argument within the Labour Party.

He added, "I make no apology to anybody whatsoever. I think this argument is so important that it ought to be carried on before the eyes and ears of the people."

"It is not something that can be conducted behind closed doors."

Speech Cheered

Mr Bevan's constituents cheered this speech—the first he has made to them since his colleagues in the House of Commons voted to disown him with the result he now must sit as an independent Socialist. He escaped expulsion from the Labour Party after promising to submit to party discipline in future. Last night, leaders of the local Labour Party voted confidence in him.

Mr Bevan's speech tonight at Ebbw Vale's Palace Theatre was broadcast to crowds outside who had sung Welsh hymns while they waited for him.

He declared during his address: "Never in the history of mankind have we entered upon such fateful events as are being set loose at the present time."

Referring to "weapons of unimaginable destruction" he said, "the statesmen are still wondering and pondering whether these weapons are going to be kept under control or whether mankind is going to destroy itself in the second half of the 20th century."

SOLEMN PROMISE

"I solemnly declare that I am not prepared to buy a successful public life at the cost of a shameful silence about these things I think," Mr Bevan said before his words were drowned in cheers and applause.

"If belonging to the Labour movement means we are going to be driven to vote for positions in which we don't believe and in which we think the fate of mankind will be involved, then no discipline will ever drive me to vote for such positions."

He was quite prepared to go on disagreeing with his colleagues.

"But I am not developing a persecution complex," he added. "That would indeed be a ploy of immorality and personal conduct."

Declaring that Labour Party arguments were a sign of vitality in seeking new ideas to meet new events, he lashed at the Conservative Party for being "all of one mind—if you can call it a mind."

"They have only one perplexity—how soon Sir Winston Churchill is going to retire."

"Inside the Conservative Party is the same kind of harmony that you will find in any graveyard," Reuter.

Off Throne

Cairo, Apr. 3.

The man who "made" King Ahmed of the Yemen was responsible for his abdication yesterday, reports reaching Cairo from the troubled Arabian kingdom via Aden said today.

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In the meantime, communications have been virtually cut off between the Yemen and Aden, the British colony on the Yemen border.—France-Press.

To Stand On Own Feet

Singapore, Apr. 3.

Labour Front leader Mr David Marshall told Agence France-Presse tonight that his party "would try to stand on its own feet".

He was commenting on current rumours of an impending coalition between the Labour Front, which won 10 of 20 seats in yesterday's Singapore legislative elections, on the one hand

and the People's Action Party, and the Malay-Chinese Alliance, which won three each on the other hand.

Mr Marshall said, "If the Governor nominates four Labour Front adherents then with four ex-officio members the Labour Front will enjoy an absolute majority of 17 in the Legislative Council of 32 members."

The Labour Front, which supplies water to the British military camp, was damaged by the explosion but there were no casualties.—France-Press.

BOMB OUTRAGE

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18 CHILDREN DIE IN CINEMA FIRE

Appalling Liege Disaster: Total Fatalities 39

Liege, Apr. 3.

Fire razed through a crowded movie theatre tonight and at least 39 persons, including 18 children, were killed in a panic stampede for the exits.

Madame Anna Jacquin, caretaker of a school which was converted into a morgue, said 18 children and 15 adults had been identified as victims of the fire and crushing race for the exits. She said six other bodies had not yet been claimed. An estimated 100 persons were injured.

The fire was touched off by an oil heater explosion in the Rio Theatre at nearby Sclessin. In order to leave the theatre, patrons had to pass down a narrow corridor through three sets of swinging doors which opened inward.

ABDICTATES



Ex-King of Yemen

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Three Killed In Plane Crash

New York, Apr. 3.

Two men and a woman were injured when their four-place Piper Clipper plane crashed nine miles west of Holyoke, Colorado.

Deputy Sheriff Elmer Hansen said none of the four persons aboard the craft was identified. The plane crashed during a blowing dust storm.—United Press.

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Russians Making Final Efforts To Divide The West

SOVIET PRESIDENT MAKES APPEAL

BROKE INTO PRISON

Melbourne, Apr. 3. A thief, believed to have been a former inmate, broke into Castle Launceston prison, Victoria, and stole a safe weighing 200 lb. from the Governor's office. Police said the safe contained £1135 (about £38 sterling) and a revolver. The thief escaped in a stolen car.

There were 22 prisoners in the cells at the time—but no night guard. The gaol holds only "trusted" prisoners.—China Mail Special.

PUT WIFE OUT OF SUFFERING

Paris, Apr. 3. A 70-year-old Italian agricultural worker, Benedetto Gerponi, and his wife Madelaine loved each other dearly.

They were putting enough money to live on out of a small patch of land in the neighbourhood of Menton, and they were happy. However, ill-luck struck them one day when Madelaine was found to be suffering from a tumour. Little by little her suffering became unbearable. Day or night she had no respite. She was hospitalised several times but with no result.

For seven long years, the husband took care of her, finding time to cook, sweep the floors, and cultivate their land. A compensation of £200 for war damage melted like snow in the sun, in the purchase of useless drugs.

FINALLY WEAKENED Then Madelaine began urging her husband to kill her. After resisting a long time, he finally weakened and bought a pistol.

He still hesitated. However, one day, when she was pressing him more than usual he placed the barrel on her chest and fired.

He then attempted to commit suicide but the pistol jammed. He rushed out crying, "I killed her! I killed her!" When the gendarmes arrived, he was sitting on a chair by the side of his wife's bed, weeping silently.

To the judge examining him, he said, "I am 70 and have a clean record. But my wife insisted too much to rid her from her sufferings. And now, I am in jail but she knows I am not a criminal."

The old man was acquitted.—France-Press.

Paris, Apr. 3. Marshal Klementi Voroshilov, President of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, said in Budapest today that "the Paris accords have been ratified, but it is not yet too late to prevent them from being put into effect."

In his speech, delivered on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of Hungary's liberation, Marshal Voroshilov was reported by Radio Budapest to have blamed the United States for the ratification of the Paris agreements creating a West European Defence Union.

Marshal Voroshilov said the Soviet Union had "taken on more than one occasion, initiatives to lessen international tension" and would "continue to work for peace."

ABROGATION However, the newspaper Izvestia said today that ratification of the Paris agreements to rearm West Germany had "made the abrogation of the Anglo-Soviet and Franco-Soviet treaties unavoidable."

"Otherwise," said Izvestia in an article broadcast by Moscow

Radio, "they would become a screen behind which Britain and France's ruling circles would hide their participation in a bloc with the Bonn (West Germany) revenge-seekers spearheaded against the Soviet Union."

Moscow already had threatened to formal diplomatic notes to London and Paris to tear up the friendship treaties if West German rearmament were ratified.

Diplomats had wondered, however, whether Russia meant to carry out the threat when the Paris accords were merely ratified or when they were ordered into effect.

Responsible diplomats generally felt Russia would delay denouncing the two treaties until the Allies have all ratified the Paris accords and German soldiers were given the green light to march.

Izvestia did say it was still possible to hold up the trend toward "new conflicts."

"It is still possible, before this happens (before the Paris agreements come into effect), to hold up this trend and put a halt to the preparation of new conflicts," said the paper. "No task can be more important at this juncture than that of strengthening peace and lessening world tensions."

UNAVOIDABLE

But Izvestia said flatly: "The ratification of the Paris agreements has made the abrogation of the Anglo-Soviet and Franco-Soviet treaties unavoidable." Both the British and French Parliaments have ratified the treaties.

The Izvestia article, signed by N. Polyakov, charged that the British and French Governments had "assumed full responsibility" for their future relations with Russia.

"The approval of the Paris agreements by the Parliaments of a number of Western countries has substantially changed the international situation," said Izvestia.

"The Paris agreements, as shown by their sum and substance, make the restoration of the Wehrmacht and Hitler's military potential and the integration of West Germany into militaristic blocs an official policy of Washington and its West European partners.

"This tends to aggravate the international situation and increase the danger of war. The governments of France and Britain, once they have become the allies of the German militarists, have assumed the full responsibility for the future of the Anglo-Soviet and Franco-Soviet treaties."

WOO WEST

But the English language Moscow magazine News, set up specifically as a propaganda journal to win the West, said in an article by its editor in chief, historian Evgeny Kosminsky, "We want to preserve the Anglo-Soviet treaty."

News said, however, "We can only do so if that (Anglo-Soviet) treaty is a reality, not a spurious harmful fiction."

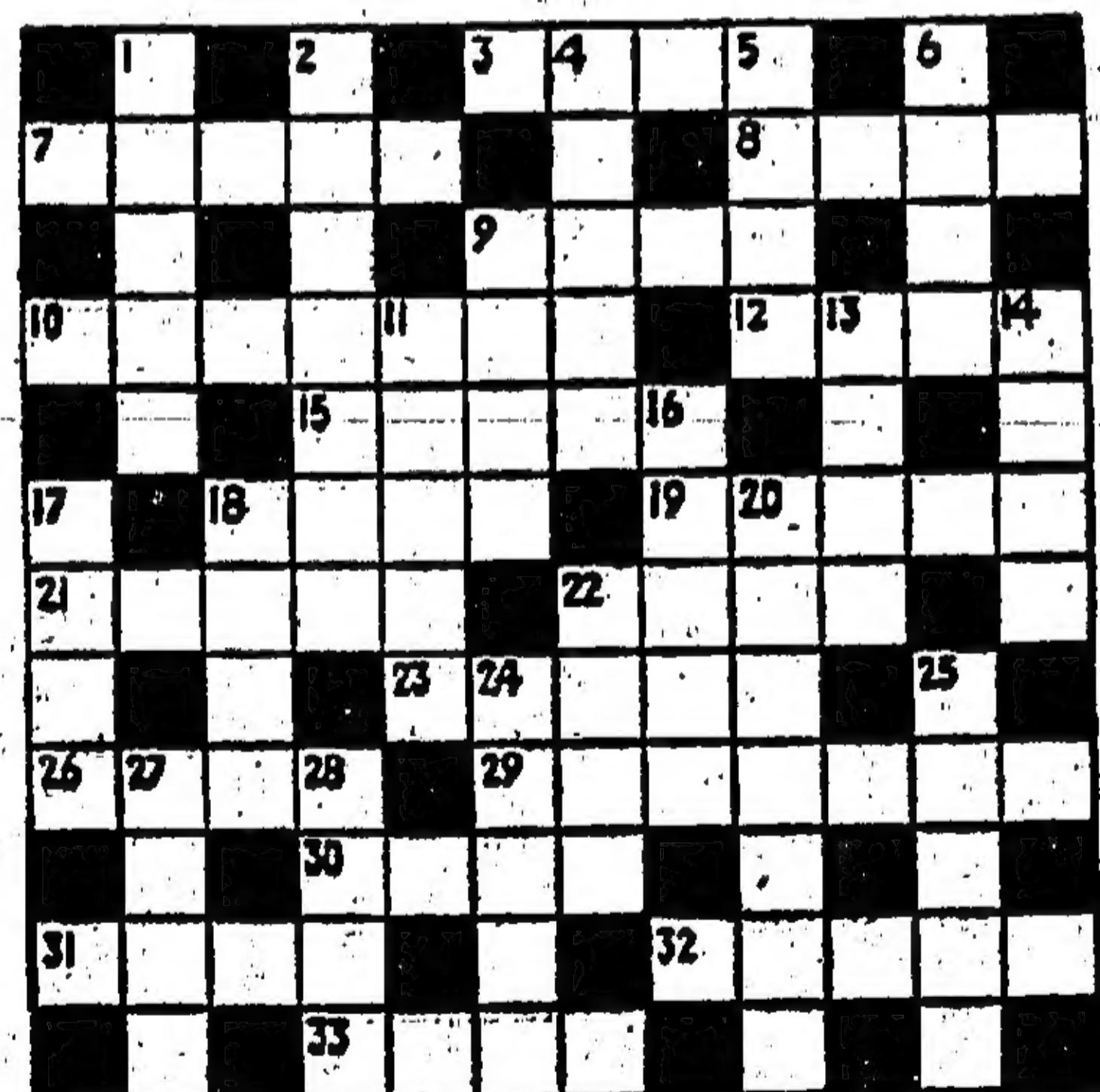
"The matter now rests with the British public"—France-Press and United Press.

A.A. TEST TODAY

Las Vegas, Apr. 3. The testing of an atomic anti-aircraft weapon originally scheduled over the Nevada desert for today, has been postponed until Monday because the aircraft which was to carry the new weapon had developed engine trouble.

The anti-aircraft weapon was to be released by the carrier aircraft at an altitude of 35,000 feet.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Pleased (4).
- 7 Factor (6).
- 8 Way out (4).
- 9 Narrative (4).
- 10 Fourth part (7).
- 12 Facts (4).
- 15 Stadium (4).
- 18 Check (4).
- 19 Month (5).
- 21 Mixture (4).
- 22 Tax (4).
- 23 Idler (5).
- 24 Deposits (4).
- 25 Disrobe (7).
- 30 Land measure (4).
- 31 Retain (4).
- 32 Send (5).
- 33 Dispose of for money (4).

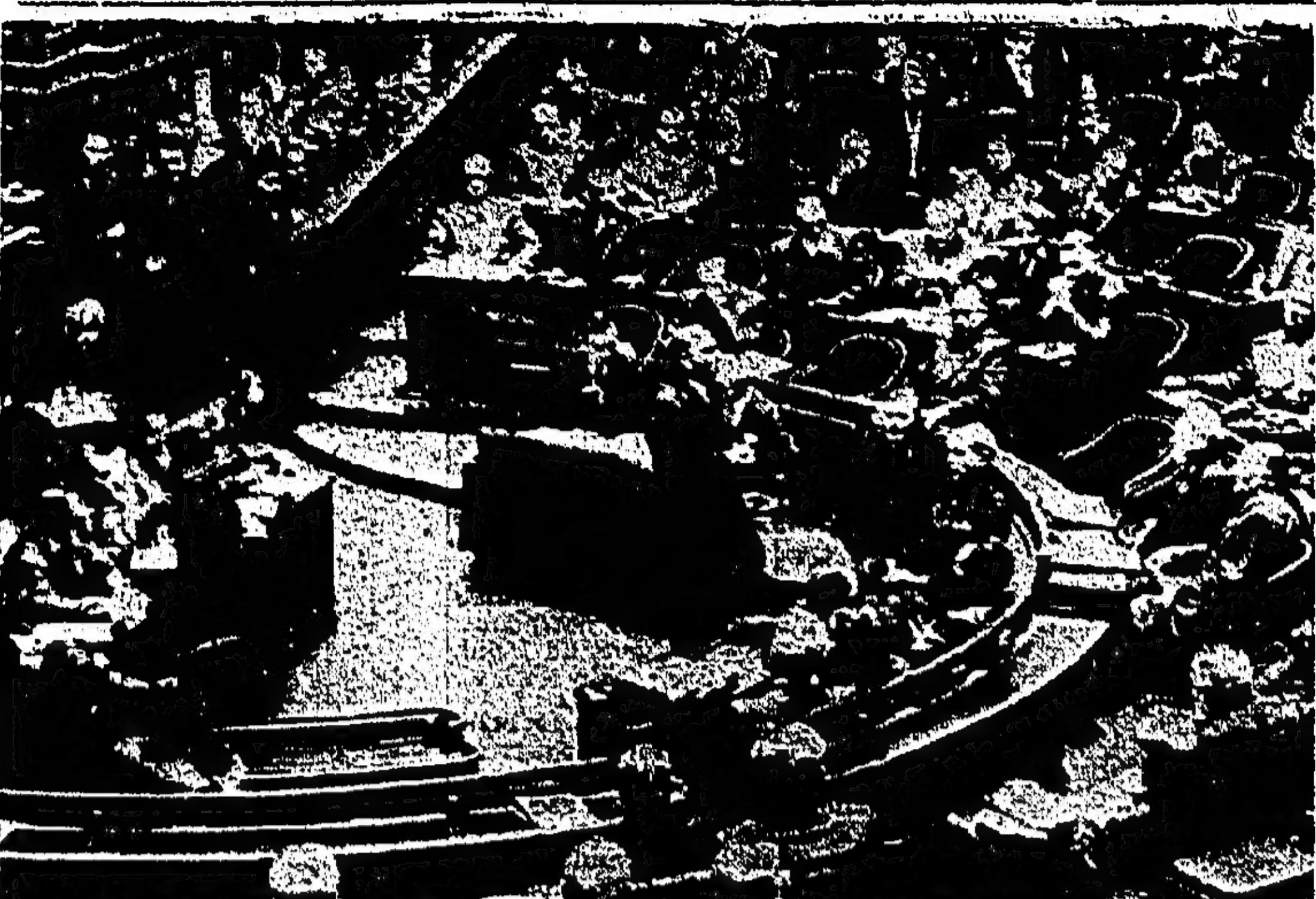
SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Assess, 7 Sure, 9 Dress, 10 Lasso, 11 East, 13 Commencing, 15 Teak, 16 Evan, 18 Contenders, 22 Moon, 24 Prize, 25 Irate, 28 Want, 29 Steady, 30 Two, 31 Cream, 32 Select, 5 Assented, 6 Errs, 8 Usage, 12 Takes, 13 Acorn, 14 Minority, 17 Acorn, 18 Strews, 20 Noise, 21 Eland, 23 Cigar.

DOWN

- 1 Indefinite (5).
- 2 Repeat (7).
- 4 Acquire knowledge (5).
- 5 Exploit (4).
- 6 Hoist (4).
- 9 Abound (4).
- 11 Tendency (5).
- 13 Unsubstantial (4).
- 14 Be painful (4).
- 16 Revise (5).
- 17 Spoken (4).
- 18 Active (4).
- 20 Warded off (7).
- 22 Solitary (4).
- 24 Rustic (5).
- 25 On the move (5).
- 27 Highest point (4).
- 28 Weakens (4).

Prado sealed the fate of tens of thousands of collective farm bosses today with a bitter blow against lagging production in the rich black earth agricultural region belied by market for a sweeping purge.

Final Efforts To



M. Edgar Faure, the French Premier, addresses the Council of the Republic in Paris, where he made a spirited and dramatic defence of the vital Paris agreement.—Express Photo.

SPORTS FANS MISS PAPERS

Spurs Cashing In

By Vernon Morgan

London, Apr. 4.

If anyone was ever in any doubt as to what constitutes the most important part of a newspaper the current national newspapers strike has removed it. Sport and racing in particular is what the British public are missing most.

Of course as a sport editor, the writer is biased, but for all that there is ample proof that those interested in sport are the worst sufferers.

Quite a lot of people one meets in the morning bus or evening train are quite happy not to have a newspaper to read, but not so the sports fan.

QUEUE UP

Part of his daily fun has been suddenly taken from him and he does not like it.

Such public figures as the famous coloured tipster "Prince Monolulu" are queuing up soon after dawn outside provincial newspaper offices to get a list of the probable runners, jockeys and betting for the day's racing. Without this the tipster and every racing fan is lost.

Super optimists that they are, the racing fans will not believe the strike has saved them quite a bit of money. It is only the missed winners they are even thinking of. They conveniently overlook the losers.

A poll of the queues outside the provincial newspaper offices in Fleet Street has shown that virtually everyone was endeavouring to get a paper for

Dulles Will Not Meet Shigemitsu

Washington, Apr. 3. The US Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, disclosed tonight that he would not be able to comply with the request of Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr Mamoru Shigemitsu, for talks between the two statesmen in order to reinforce American-Japanese relations.

Mr Shigemitsu announced yesterday that he had asked the US Ambassador, Mr John Allison, to propose a meeting with Mr Dulles in Washington.

It was reported that the Japanese Foreign Minister was prepared to leave for Washington within 48 hours.

The State Department tonight issued a statement saying that Mr Dulles' work schedule did not allow him the time to prepare for conversations at this time.—France-Press.

Collective Farm Bosses Blasted

London, Apr. 3.

Prado sealed the fate of tens of thousands of collective farm bosses today with a bitter blow against lagging production in the rich black earth agricultural region belied by market for a sweeping purge.

The Soviet Communist Party organ charged that the vast region was "lagging behind in the production of grain, sugar

FULL TIME CARPENTER

Bonn, Apr. 3. A dead carpenter's device to keep himself in business is still worrying police and the fire brigade in the Mauerkirchen district on the Rhine near here because it makes farm houses burn down with ominous regularity.

The carpenter, Johann Bernhofer, hanged himself in a prison cell two years ago at the age of 77 after the police had found out about his trick of building "timber devices" into houses so that they would burn down after a certain period.

Bernhofer, according to police records, designed his device during the world economic crisis in the early 1930's because he feared that the depression and slackening building activity might force him out of a job.

In all chimneys he helped to construct, he built in a panel of wood which would burn through slowly and then expose a "trigger" that would fire the house.

—China Mail Special.

Pope Blesses Big Crowds

Vatican City, Apr. 3.

A flotilla of palm branches and fluttering handkerchiefs waved by a big crowd in St Peter's square greeted Pope Pius XII when he appeared at his study window on the top floor of the Vatican Palace today to bless them on Palm Sunday.

The crowd which included many pilgrims from abroad called for the Pope until he appeared to give his blessing.

Branches of palm, olive and box were blessed and carried in procession in the world's Catholic churches today in memory of Christ's entry into Jerusalem over a road strewn with palm in his honour.

The Pope received today two intricately hand-worked palms made for him by the nuns of the Camaldolese Convent in Rome who are vowed to almost total silence. The presentation was made in his private apartments by his Dutch sacristan, Monsignor Pieter Canisius van Liede.

The 78-year-old Pontiff also made a speech on the prevention of accidents in industry when he received in the Vatican palace about 1,000 delegates attending a Rome Congress on this subject.—Reuter.

Milan, Apr. 3.

Mrs Ada Riva, sister of the celebrated maestro Arturo Toscanini, died here last night at the age of 79.—United Press.

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RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Nehru Challenges All Countries

New Delhi, Apr. 3.

Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, the Indian Premier, today called on the Soviet Union and the United States to declare their stand on what he called the "tyrannical oppression" of Africans and people of Indian origin by the South African Government.

Addressing a public meeting here, he said the protagonists of the Russian and American ways of life had pitched their flags in India and were distributing propaganda that India was "neither here nor there."

Mr Nehru added: "We are neither here nor there, but we are wholly on the side of decency."

CHALLENGE

"I challenge every country in the world to give its opinion unquestionably on the naked racial persecution being perpetrated by the capitalist white government of South Africa on African and Indian people there."

Indian Communists and others were demanding confiscation of British and other foreign investments in Calcutta and other places but he would not do so because it would split India's good name and because India needed foreign capital to develop her economy.

The Government welcomed foreign capital and would guarantee such investments in India, he said.—Reuter.

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It would be enough to make a woman cynical about the male sex—except that a surprising number of happy marriages have developed from the ingrained habit of a man to deceive, confuse, trick, and baffle the girl he is determined to carry off to the altar.

Take the case of me, Milly Brown. If there was a girl who was persuaded to marry under false pretences, don't go further than me.

Rarely has a proposal seemed so full of bliss; and rarely has the reality turned out to be so doggone different.

YEAD not to say adoring wife, I married a man who turned out to be a master of make-believe ... a husband who knowingly pretended to be taking me, his bride, back to a paradise of happy home-life—and pitched her, instead, into a bear-garden, a madhouse.

There were moments, at first, when I would have preferred to be married to a cougar. But every woman has her tricks, and every woman can turn even the liveliest man into a loving spouse.

This is the story of how I, Milly Brown, was deceived. And learned to love it....

Leonard Mosley
writes this
version of
the film



A woman has tricks...to make the liveliest man a loving spouse!

ed the meals. No one washed the dishes. Or sewed their shirts and trousers, replaced their buttons, kept them spick and span in case some company came to call—a result of which company never came to call.

The seven brothers Pontipee were a wild, unprincipled, fighting, ravenous, raucous, reckless collection of young hooligans. And only the eldest of them, Adam, realised that what was wrong with them, why the nights seemed so long and the winter so much longer, was a lack of one thing, wives.

That autumn day that Adam trapped me he had ridden into town looking for a wife. I didn't know it was going to be me.

HE walked into the town store and, after handing over his sack of beaver skins, was told by Mrs Bixby, wife of the proprietor, that he was \$60 dollars in credit.

He flung them down, straightened up his spare, strong body, jutted his masculine chin and said: "Mrs Bixby, I'll trade you for a new plough, two tubs of lime, a barrel of molasses, 25lb. of chewing tobacco—and you wouldn't have a wife under the counter there? I'm looking for a wife."

"Any special brand?" asked Mrs Bixby, sarcastically.

He grinned. "Well, yes. I like a widow woman that ain't afraid to work. There's seven of us men. Place is like a pigsty."

Mrs Bixby's expression wiped the grin off his face.

"Let me tell you, none of our girls are going to go off to bear-country with you—to wash and slave for seven slummocky backwoodsmen. There's 10 men for every woman out here. You want a wife? You'll have to go east and get one."

Instead he went out, and go.

At the time, I was working at a restaurant in the town, cooking the meals for visiting farmers, serving up drinks, chopping wood for the kitchen, scrubbing the floors, and doing a number of other odd chores. It was a busy life, but there were surprising gaps in it which I felt terribly lonely.

The shortage of women being what it was, and being a girl

too rough and untidy. But say I cleaned them up a bit, and taught them manners?

It was a pleasant surprise to find that, underneath all that hair, they were quite handsome. To get them to shave, all I did was to hold back their food.

To make them learn to bathe regularly and learn politeness, I stole into their dormitory while they were asleep and took away their outer clothes—and told them they wouldn't get them back until they promised to conform.

It took them two rebellious hours fuming round the house in their underwear (I had taken care to open all the windows and let the wintry breezes come in) before they gave in.

By the beginning of December I had them spruced up like pine trees. They all stood up when I came into the room, pulled out a chair for me, and called me "Ma'am." I even took them all through a course of dancing.

And then, just before the winter snows came down, Adam took them, into town to go courting.

To bring back, from all the girls in town, six wives.

Tomorrow: The brothers seek their brides

with a pretty face, I didn't have to worry about getting married. Every customer who came into the house asked me.

To every one of them I immediately said: "Yes," because I had always looked forward to cooking my own meals, chopping my own wood, scrubbing my own floors.

But always, as soon as I said "yes" I would get a sinking feeling in my stomach—and have to take it all back and refuse, after all.

But when Adam sat at my table, sampled and approved of my stew, and then said: "How about marrying me?"—I automatically nodded my head—and didn't get a sinking feeling.

"I've got a farm up in the hills," he said. "A good farm. There's timber land and high grazing meadows. Sheep, milk cows, 50 acres of wheat."

Well, I didn't know about the six other brothers. And, not having that sinking feeling, I said "yes." And that very morning, in spite of everybody's warning, Adam Pontipee and I were married.

I WAS very much in love. I struggled close to Adam as we drove back on the cart to his farm. I was so happy that, going through a canyon, I started to sing. "I want to cheer," I said.

"Go ahead," said Adam.

"Hoorsay," I shouted. And instantly from the canyon came back my voice: "Hoorsay."

Said Adam: "It's Echo Pass. Taint safe to raise your voice in the winter. Might start an avalanche. See all that snow walking up there? I crossed my horse too loud one winter and the snow slipped—and we were snowed up till spring."

I said: "I don't mind being snowed up with you."

And then we came to the farm, and I found that there were six other brothers, too. What brothers! There was Benjamin and Caleb and Daniel and Ephraim and Frank and Gideon—all of them as covered in hair as apes, as quarrelsome as monkeys.

The house was a mess. When I cooked my first meal they fought to get the largest helpings. I had to beat them over the hands with a red-hot spoon to make them pause while I said grace.

"Why didn't you tell me about them?" I asked Adam.

He looked sheepish. "You mightn't have come."

"You should have warned me," I stormed. "Why don't men tell the truth to their wives before they marry them?"

Adam looked even more down-fallen.

As for me, I was appalled. There was no turning back now. I was married. I loved my husband, even though he had so grossly deceived me. But the thought that, for the rest of my days, I might have to cook and wash and sew and quarrel with those six wild brothers was terrifying.

WHILE Adam slept, I cried and worried and schemed. It took me about two weeks to work it out and then I had the answer. If Adam could go to town and find me and marry me—why couldn't the brothers find themselves wives too?

In their present state it was obviously impossible. They were

his senior, on architectural design and history at Birkbeck College. Another chuckle. "I suppose I was thirty seconds ahead of my students!"

MORE IMPOSING

At twenty he bought himself a silk hat and frock coat to look more imposing. As assistant to Leonard Stokes, "good architect to the Royal Academy in two centuries," Professor Richardson, tall, thin, and 74, has been in the professional and social swim these 40 years, buoyant and bobblety as a cork.

Over the RA he presides with a near-mystical sense of mission. "In nearly two hundred years the RA has never made a mistake," he once said.

What never? Think of the artistis of merit who either didn't get the RA badge at all—or (as in the case of Augustus John) got it ages after they had won general recognition.

Well, yes, reflects Mr President, there's something in that. "But any academy is jealous of increasing its numbers. It is extremely difficult to open the door. If it were opened, too easily the Academy would lose prestige."

Think, too, of the second-rate whom the RA has glorified. Something in this, too, agrees Mr President. "There was Alma-Tadema. His paintings are over-praise, sugary, timid. Yet they made him RA. We struck a very bad period in the nineties. I know, because I reacted against it myself."

Of his own merit he has always had a clear idea.

At seventeen, a pertly articled pupil, he was lecturing twenty students, some of them ten years

older than he. The name plate on their door, a piece of pinned-up cardbord, was torn down by passers-by, as though in sym- political decision. All the die-throws seemed adverse.

Before improving things got even worse. Richardson and Gill designed a new opera house for Manchester. The opera house duly went up. It stands today. But the original pro-

moting company failed. Other

THE FIRM OUTSIDE



London Express Service

SHE HAS A ROYAL TOUCH

— By —
ANNE SHARPLEY

TEACHER of dancing, deportment and character to the Royal family, the titled classes and the wealthy for three generations is a tiny, round, golden-haired grandmother called Marguerite Vacani.

With no title or stately home in her own background she has taught the Queen, Princess Margaret (and some say the Duke of Windsor) how to look royal, the aristocracy how to look gracious, and the wealthy how to look aristocratic.

And she does it by starting them young.

At less than two years the good Edwardian standards are instilled into her pupils (as they are now being taught to Prince Charles and Princess Anne).

Kindness

And it is all done by extreme kindness. Affection is impartially distributed to all Miss Vacani's "dear, dear pupils" and even the strangers can become "my sweetheart" and earn a "bless your little heart," after half an hour's acquaintance.

No child, however clumsy, receives anything but praise until, with this encouragement, the ares are made up.

Miss Vacani does not recognise change. The same nursery exercises and little dances to a rumpty-tumpty upright piano have been taught to all her pupils all the time. She will admit this includes the royal family of Spain but will not discuss her other royal (British) pupils' lessons except to say, "They're pets. They're so good, you don't know."

Nor does she recognise economic change. Her fees have never been increased from three guineas for 10 lessons for the under-fives and 10s. more for the older pupils in nearly 40 years.

Edwardian

Although Miss Vacani seldom takes lessons herself now (she supervises at the Palace), her niece, Miss Betty Vacani, actually gives the lessons; her portrait as a golden-haired Edwardian goddess dominates the classroom in her school in the Brompton Road.

Lessons have decorous but party-like air. The teacher sets a glorious example by wearing a silver organza frock with a necklace of brilliants. Princess Margaret, of Johore, arrives in an emerald coat and bonnet. Tulle organza and red ballet shoes are correct wear and boys are in the usual short supply (three to 17 girls).

Unfortunate is it that Miss Vacani is not able to be there to give one of her unforgettable demonstrations of "How not to" followed by "How to." She can be irresistibly comic and then amounts to much. "She can't put on a flowing grace and increase in height that is astonishing before she drops to a curtsy that is stillawes and has been the exemplar to debutantes for 30 years (price one guinea the curtsy lesson)."

His reconstruction of Trinity House, Tower Hill—"my finest work"—is intensely admired by others. But what of his projected Financial Times building in Cannon Street? When the perspective drawing of this project was shown at the Royal Academy last summer an anguished moan went up from certain aesthetes, including the Architects' Journal, "which reflects Richardson, cocking an ironical brow, "I used to make it all out to spend money, not to make it all go."

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Her voice, bracing, sometimes brusque and full of mirth, music ring in royal and aristocratic heads when the spirit sinks and graciousness temporarily deserts. ("I can if I will." "Get up and sit down to it").

Her eyes are fearlessly blue over the bright lipstick that stresses the firm set of her mouth. And it is typical of her that she gives "plain cold cream" (her only beauty treatment) the same ring of virtue as "plain cold water."

Questions

Yet she has many secrets.

Her age, her height and her origin are all questions she will wave aside (Miss Vacani is one of the people who does literally wave questions aside).

The Vacani method is taught all over London by Vacani-trained teachers.

And visitors to her Dresden-filled flat in Curzon Street are treated to a view of an enormous piece of cardbord, as big as Miss Vacani herself. Written on both sides are her "country classes".

They spread as far as Northumberland. Miss Vacani, like the post-boxes, manages to give the impression that outside London there is one vast, unbroken rural tract.

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ARTIE'S HEADLINE



"All right, dad, you can finish playing with my train set—I'm ready to take you to the circus."

COTTISH FOOTBALL GETS BRUSH-OFF

By JAMES ANDERSON

Scottish football has slumped in popularity, at least overseas. Not a single top club has received a firm offer to tour abroad this summer. Normally Spring finds leading sides deciding which country would be the attractive. Since the war Scots club teams have played from Belgium to and everywhere in between.

The present lack of players at home is to be greatly increased. Likely explanation is its poor showing in the Cup last summer—and that the world wants before they will believe movement has been made. Who can blame them?

There is the strange case Arsenal have had invitations almost every football company, including South Africa.

And the Highbury team has been plodding along foot of the English First, most of the season.

PETER KEENAN

of touring, Britain's weight Champion Peter will see a lot of the world next few months.

It has just begun an Airstream and plans to go on to fight Chameau art and plough his way anyone else in the area. Peter, "There is no point going back home. There nothing doing there until Member."

In keeping with Peter's going, but a peaceful New resolution.

anyone under any has its smug, but this is the only place for the ring.

ger Scott Symon has started working on next plan to bring the magic name of Glasgow

most important factor is the number of full-time

One Soccer Standings

London, Apr. 2. All League standings day's matches were as follows:

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF
HONG KONG
"PROBATE JURISDICTION"

In the Goods of NILS ERIC
AMELON MOLLER late of 22
Island Road, Deep Water Bay
in the County of Hong Kong
Natives Shipowner, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
Mr James Wicks, former District
Court Judge, given in a
Tenancy case heard before him
in Kowloon on December 14,
1954, was allowed by the Full
Court comprising Mr Justice T. J. Gould (Acting Chief
Justice) and Mr Justice C. W. Reece (Puisne Judge) this morning.

Mr Wicks' ruling inter alia
was that the entry of the first
appellant with the approval of
the second appellants upon the
premises (the right shop front
of No. 3 Pei Ho Street, ground
floor, Kowloon) was a trespass.

In their judgement, their
Lordships ordered the case to
be remitted back to the District
Court for the Judge there to
take the necessary steps for the
completion of the case. (A
counter-claim by second
appellants against respondent for
trespass is pending.)

All creditors and others are
accordingly hereby required to send
in their claims to the undernamed
on or before that date.

Dated the 1st day of April, 1955.

STEWART CO.,
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1955.

No claims will be admitted after
the goods have left godown and
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ject to re-charge.

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be presented to the undernamed on
or before the 21st April, 1955, or
they may not be recognized.

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CIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES
Hong Kong, 4th April, 1955.

Mohammed Ali Will Discuss Turco-Iraqi Pact

Pakistani Premier and Foreign Minister
Mohammed Ali arrived here tonight to preside
over a three-day conference of Pakistan's diplomatic
representatives in the Middle East.

The conference will open tomorrow at the
Hotel Montreux Palace, where the International
Conference on the Turkish Straits was held in
1936.

The talks will be held behind
closed doors.

Mr Ali, who came in from
Geneva's Cointrin airport after
a brief stopover in Lausanne, was accompanied by Mrs Ali and
several Pakistani officials, including Mr G. A. Rahim, Secretary
for Foreign Affairs, and Mr S. K. Dehlavi, his assistant.

It was understood in well-informed quarters here that the
main object of the conference was to study the situation in the
Middle East, arising from the conclusion of the Turco-Iraqi
defence treaty and the resulting tension between Turkey and
some of the Arab nations, especially Syria and Egypt.

These quarters said that the
conference would take the
form of consultations on the attitude to be
adopted by the Government of Pakistan towards the
events in the Middle East, but no formal decisions
would be taken before Mr Ali's return to Karachi.

They added, however, that the
results of the talks could play an important part in determining Karachi's eventual
decision whether or not to join the Turco-Iraqi pact to
which Great Britain has just adhered. — France-Press.

Others named were singer
Marguerite Piazza, dance ex-
pert Mrs Arthur Murray, actress
Loretta Young, singer Jane
Pickens, columnist Dorothy
Kilgallen, millionairess Gloria
Vanderbilt and operatic soprano
Roberta Peters.

The Fashion Guild said these
women had an "intangible
ability" to choose suits that
wore well. — United Press.

Tenancy Case
Appeal Upheld

An appeal against a ruling of
Mr James Wicks, former District
Court Judge, given in a
Tenancy case heard before him
in Kowloon on December 14,
1954, was allowed by the Full
Court comprising Mr Justice T. J. Gould (Acting Chief
Justice) and Mr Justice C. W. Reece (Puisne Judge) this morning.

Mr Wicks' ruling inter alia
was that the entry of the first
appellant with the approval of
the second appellants upon the
premises (the right shop front
of No. 3 Pei Ho Street, ground
floor, Kowloon) was a trespass.

In their judgement, their
Lordships ordered the case to
be remitted back to the District
Court for the Judge there to
take the necessary steps for the
completion of the case. (A
counter-claim by second
appellants against respondent for
trespass is pending.)

Dated the 1st day of April, 1955.

STEWART CO.,
Solicitors for the Executors
of the late Sir George de Godman,
Wang Hing Building,
10, Queen's Road Central (2nd floor),
HONG KONG.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNERS

Consignees per
Cie des Messageries Maritimes
s/s "MEINART".

are hereby notified that their cargo
will be forwarded and sent to
Kowloon Wharf & Godman
Co. Ltd's godown where it will be
at consignee's risk and subject to
such terms and conditions of storage
as are agreed upon.

Damaged packages are to be left
in care of the company and
consignee, Messrs Godman & Douglas
on 10 a.m. on Thursday, 7th April,
1955.

No claims will be admitted after
the goods have left godown and
all goods shipped April 1955, will be sub-
ject to re-charge.

All claims against the vessel must
be presented to the undernamed on
or before the 21st April, 1955, or
they may not be recognized.

No Five Insurance will be effected.

CIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES
Hong Kong, 4th April, 1955.

Gregg Celebrates
134th Revolution
Anniversary

TOURISTS WILL SEE ROYAL MAUSOLEUM But Traces Of The Monarchy Are Being Removed

Belgrade, Apr. 3.

The Communist authorities in a central
Serbian village are preparing the mausoleum of
the Karađorđević dynasty, former kings of
Serbia and Yugoslavia, for summer tourists.

All trace of the Monarchy is, however, being
removed.

Gardeners have taken advantage of the mild
winter to trim hedges and prune trees in the park
surrounding the Byzantine-style church on
Oplenac hill, which houses the remains of the
Royal family. Here are the tombs of the original
Karađorđe ("Black George"), who liberated
Serbia from the Turks 150 years ago, down to
King Alexander, assassinated at Marseilles, in
1934.

In the centre of Topola, at
the foot of Oplenac, stands a
war memorial to those who
fell in World War I, with a
gilt inscription "erected in
gratitude by King Alexander I
and the wounded and citizens
of Topola."

GILT REMOVED

Although the gilt has now
been removed from the
words "King Alexander I,"
they are still legible.

In the same way, the foreign
visitor to this sleepy, dusty
village will still sense its con-
nection with history, though no
Karađorđević — originally a
family of prosperous pig traders
— now lives here.

The postwar Putnik (Yugo-
slav Tourist Agency) guide book
to Serbia describes the mausoleum thus:
"Hero, at a spot called Oplenac, is located
the Church of St George, whose
construction was started in 1912
and completed in 1919. Its crypt
was completed in 1932."

Now that most of the Karađorđević family are in exile,
their existence is virtually
ignored by the regime. The
wedding of Prince Alexander to
Princess Maria Pia of Savoy in
Portugal in February was not
reported in the Yugoslav press.

KEPT CLEAN

The mausoleum, now
under the protection of the
state, is kept clean and dry,
and visitors are encouraged.
The roof, however, needs
repair from some damage
which the custodian said
was caused by German
shells during the war.
King Alexander, in building
the mausoleum, wished to em-
phasise the continuity of the
Karađorđević monarchy with
history.

He employed German crafts-
men to decorate the entire wall
space of the church and its crypt
with mosaics copied from
frescoes in the monasteries founded
by the rulers of the powerful Serbian Empire, who
succumbed to the Turks in the
fourteenth century.

Thereby he hoped to graft the
Karađorđević dynasty on the
achievements of medieval Serbia
bridging the gap of five
centuries of Turkish occupation
and national obliteration.

Before World War II, it could
have been argued that he was
over-optimistic. The Karađorđević dynasty was not continuous
during the last century, but alternated with that of the
Obrenović and several rulers including
Karađorđe and Alexander himself met death at
the hand of assassins.

PROVED WRONG

History, in fact, proved
him wrong, since the
dynasty ended abruptly with
World War II and the
advent of Communism.

Alexander lies beside his
mother with, on the other side,
an empty tomb. Of all the tombs
in the crypt, more than half are
empty. They were destined for
those descendants who, Alexander hoped, would be future
Kings of Yugoslavia.

No icons are seen in the
church today. Instead, the frescoes
are efficiently lit by cold electric
light. — China Mail Special.

Radio Hong Kong

BLACK MAGIC ASSORTED CHOCOLATES

PKT. 6. Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.30 Children and Young People; 7.30 Australian Catalogue; 8.30 The fortnightly review of Australian Industry; 8.45 Songs We Remember; 9.15 The Story of the Organ (G.B.); 10.15 Listener's Choice presented by Jan Dekker (Studio); 10.30 Weather Report; 10.35 Time Signals; 10.45 Australian Radio Broadcasts; 10.55 Commentary (London: Haly); or Special Announcements (London: Haly); Short Story, read by Faith Butler (Studio); 11.00 Remundo Box and Bag; 11.15 Latin American Music (BBC); 12.15 Time Signal Collectors' Corner presented by Robert Scott (Studio); 12.30 Latin American Music (BBC); 12.45 Children and Young People; 12.55 Special Announcements (London: Haly); 13.00 Record (London: Haly); 13.15 International Cabinet presented by Much Binding (London: Haly); 13.30 Richard Murdoch and Kenneth Horne; Sam Costa; Maurice Denham; Doris Brynn; BBC; 14.15 News Review (London: Haly); 14.30 Goodnight (London: Haly); God Save The Queen; 14.30 Close Down.

San Miguel
this situation
calls for a



ADENAUER APPEAL ON BEHALF OF REFUGEES

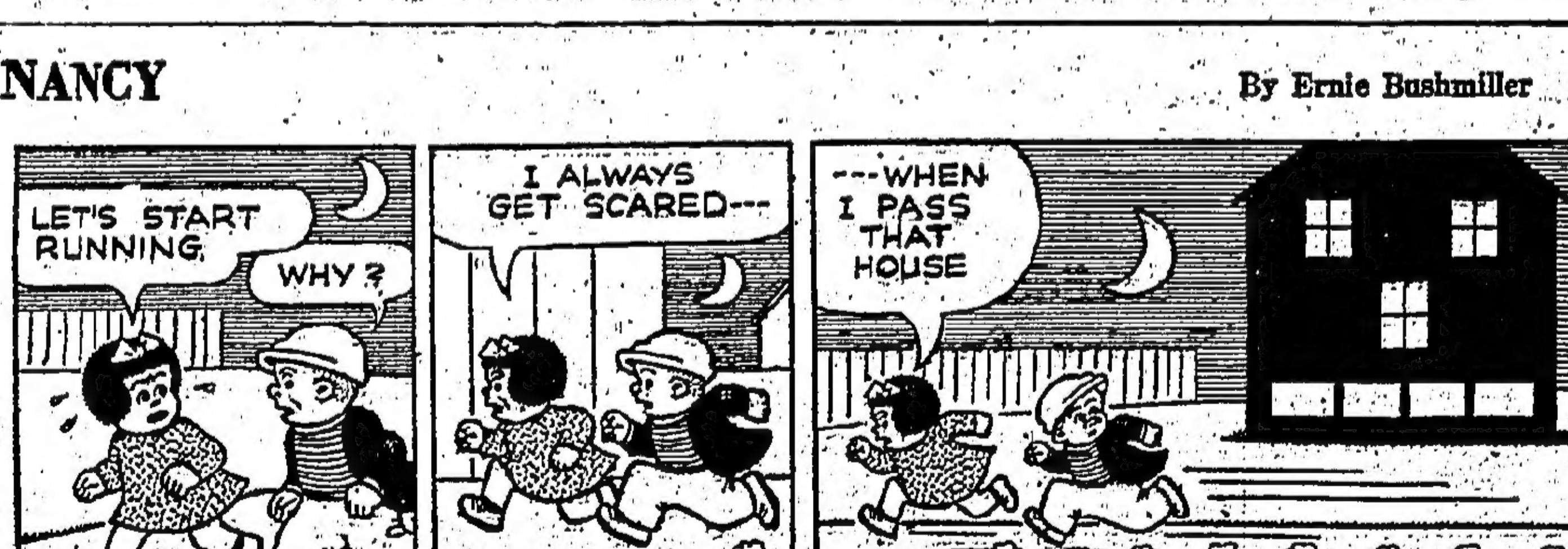
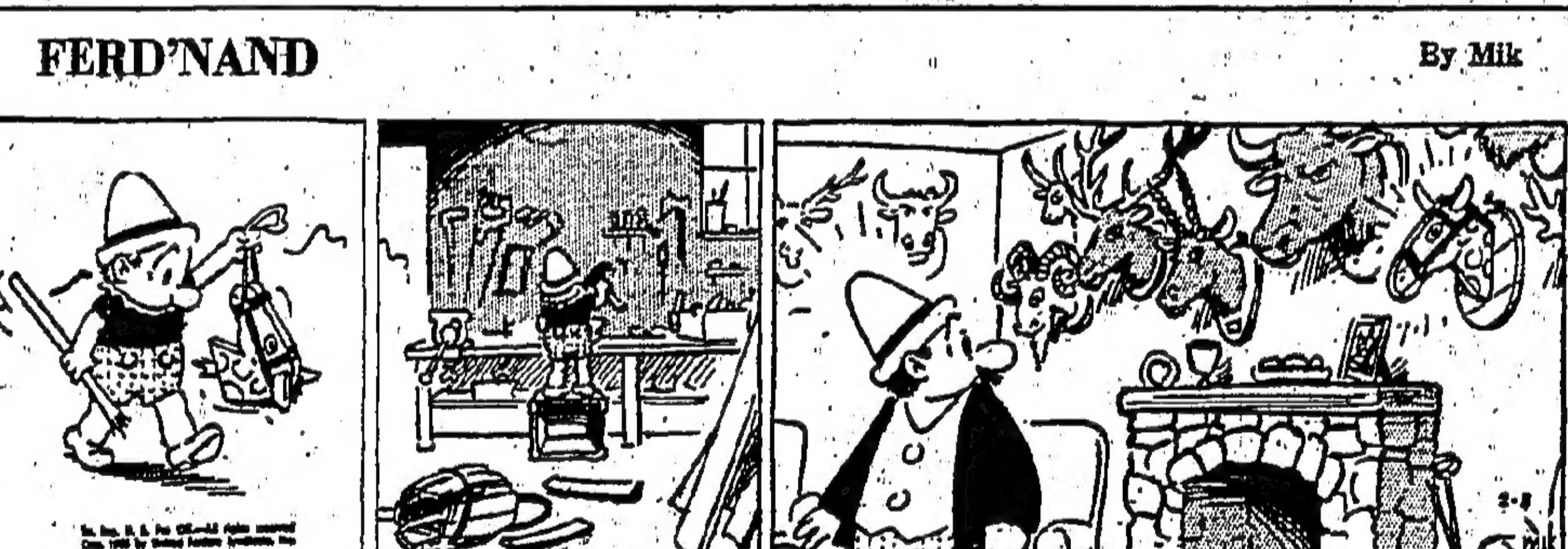
Berlin, Apr. 3.

The West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, said today in a broadcast, commemorating the tenth anniversary of the expulsion of millions of Germans from their homelands in the East, that only a general peace could stop the stream of refugees in the world.

In an address over RIAS, the American radio in West Berlin, which also broadcast to Communist East Germany, he said: "We do not, however, want to forget that the refugee problem is a world problem and that not only Germans have lost their homes. The number of refugees in the world is bigger today than it was ten years ago. Let us also bear in mind their mystery and their plight."

"Only a general peace in the world and observance of the human rights in all countries will stop the stream of refugees. The West German Government is of the opinion that the human rights also include the right to the homeland." — Reuter.

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



PHILIPPINE TRADE DELEGATION

New York, Apr. 3. Leaders of the Philippine trade and goodwill mission said today they had set as their immediate goal a \$10,000,000 annual increase in their sale of Philippine goods to the United States.

Mr P. E. Domingo, mission chairman, said at a press conference that the group's three-week tour of US cities from coast to coast had given a pretty good idea of the American demand for products of the Philippines, and of the steps necessary to market them.

In Seattle, the mission members found that American women were attracted by pine cloth and other pine products.

In Washington, the mission inquired about "Philippine" industrial products that would not run into competition with US products.

WOOD MARKET

There appeared to be an excellent market in the United States for plywood, hardwoods and other Philippine lumber products.

Mr Domingo said there was considerable talk with Washington officials about US help in the processing of such raw materials of the islands as materials and lumber. There were inquiries about the possibility of boosting Philippine ship-building, smelting of ore, rolling mill and machine shop operation.

"We made plenty of contracts and found much interest in our home products, and we were asked to submit samples."

The mission members said they had been talking over the idea of setting up in New York and San Francisco branch offices of Philippine manufacturing organizations in order to promote their sales of products.

Mr Domingo said that to get into the American market on a bigger scale the Philippines industries would have to be "policed" by Filipinos through the home industry association of the Philippines in order to adopt uniform export standards.

EXAMINATION

"We must process every export," he said. "We must see that before an order is accepted, the bank will examine the capacity of the exporter to produce."

He mentioned three vital conditions for increasing sales:

1. Philippine products must be presented well to American buyers.

2. Philippine capacity to produce in quantity must be assured.

3. Products must be of uniform quality and up to importers' standards.—United Press.

Argentina Oil Accord Reported

New York, Apr. 3. No confirmation was available here today concerning President Peron's announcement yesterday that an oil accord had been reached with foreign companies to develop Argentine oil production.

President Peron did not disclose the name of the companies involved in the "agreement" which he said would greatly boost the country's oil production.

Oil circles here understood that the companies he referred to included Standard Oil Co. of California; Standard Oil, (N.J.) and the Royal Dutch-Shell group. All three companies confirmed today that negotiations had been going on in Buenos Aires.

A spokesman for Standard Oil Co. told United Press: "We have not signed anything as yet but we are still negotiating with Argentina. It looks encouraging." A spokesman said: "We have received word that an agreement has been finally reached."

The Royal Dutch-Shell spokesman referred all queries about the Argentina negotiations to the firm's London headquarters. No comment was immediately available from that city today.—United Press.

The Bank Of France Statement

Paris, Apr. 3. The Bank of France statement for the week ended March 24, reads as follows:

France	201,221,201,471
Total other currencies	11,194,700,200
Sight balance abroad	78,201,101,559
in EPU	78,201,101,559
Assets	197,400,000,000
Stable Fund	1,157,200,000,000
Bank note in circulation	2,481,000,000,000
Current accounts and deposits	115,962,000,000
United Press	115,962,000,000

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

WHAT HAS BUTLER TO GIVE AWAY?

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

By Elmer Walzer

New York, Apr. 3. Stocks turned irregular this past week after a sharp rise a week ago.

Trading picked up and rounded out the biggest month of March in 25 years. Individual issues provided heavy volume and all of the features. The main list tended easier in industrials and utilities and higher in the rails whose earnings are picking up sharply.

With the market bumping the bull market highs it was not surprising to the experts that the trading would turn selective with rotation of groups the order of the day.

Things atomic continued to spur wide gains in a long list although the "advances" were backed away by profit-taking late in the week.

COPPERS BENEFIT

Coppers got a real whirl when the price of domestic copper was increased three cents a pound, bringing it more nearly into line with the much higher foreign price which had been luring copper away from the domestic users.

Copper shares at their levels had gains reaching to nearly 15 points on the week.

Chile Copper was the first performer with Andes second. Good gains were scored by Magna, Corro de Pasco, Aracinda, American Smelting, and Copper Range.

In the electronics group, prices were pushed ahead for a time early in the week, but later selling cut them down.

Among the so-called atom group, Bath Iron was the star. One day it soared 11 points. Next day it lost 10, the drop caused by an official denial it was planning a merger and a Navy statement there were no atomic destroyers contemplated at this time.

AIRCRAFTS RETREAT

Balwin-Lima-Hamilton continued in favour for a time on its projected atomic locomotive. General Dynamics had further vigour in its atomic submarine, the Nautilus. The aircrafts retreated.

Some of the oils had wide gains, notably Dept Rock, Houston and Texas Co.

Short covering played a part in a late spurt in the Friday session, after the list had run into moderate profit-taking.

The electrical equipments came to the forefront in the final session. Motors also were stronger.

The business news made good reading. The giant industries continued to operate around the recent high levels.—United Press.

Rising Production Buoys Hopes For Tax Concessions

From Ronald Boxall

London, Apr. 3. The Government's annual Economic Survey has been eagerly scanned for clues to the Chancellor's Budget intentions. Lacking the informed comment of the strike-bound national Press the general public has passed lightly over the less pleasant aspects of the current situation and fastened its hopes on passages dealing optimistically with the prospects for long-run economic expansion.

Certainly there is much to place on the credit side. Production is still rising—and what is more important so is output per man-hour. Real incomes are higher than they have ever been and this has enabled Britain to increase both its internal consumption and investment in new industrial equipment. At the same time personal savings have been maintained at around 1s. 5d. for every pound of personal income. This was possible because wages and salaries rose last year by 7½ per cent while retail prices went up by only 1½ per cent.

All this, together with the fact that the 1954-55 Budget year has ended with an ordinary surplus of £433 million, has naturally encouraged the hopes that the Chancellor will have something to "give away" in his Budget on April 19. But it overlooks the damaging effect the too rapid expansion at home has had on Britain's external position.

Towards the close of last year the United Kingdom's balance of payments ran into serious trouble. The surplus of £172 million (including defence aid) earned in transactions with the rest of the world in the first half of the year was transformed in the second into a deficit of £12 million. This worsening moreover was all on the non-sterling

side of the United Kingdom's payments account.

Partly because of seasonal factors the sterling area outside Britain had a surplus with the rest of the non-sterling world of only £3 million in the second half of 1954 compared with a surplus of £113 million in the first half.

Thus instead of earning a surplus of £325 million as it did in 1953 the sterling area as a whole barely managed to pay its way in 1954. This explains the fall in gold reserves and the weakening of sterling late in 1954 and early this year and partly justifies the strict measures taken in Britain and Australia to restore the situation.

There is no mystery about the deterioration in Britain's external position. The natural consequence of prosperity at home is a rising import bill for raw materials and consumer goods on the one hand and a tendency for goods to be diverted away from the export trade into the home market on the other. The situation moreover has been aggravated recently by a rise in import prices without any corresponding rise in export prices—which means that Britain has now to export more to be able to buy the same volume of imports.

THE PROBLEM

The problem for Britain's economic policy is how to slow down the rise in demand at home so as to preserve a proper balance between imports and exports while at the same time creating the conditions for long-run economic expansion.

Fortunately prospects are not as gloomy as they may seem.

Taking the home demand and the exports demand together, says the Economic Survey, there is a likelihood of some further expansion in 1955. But industrial

subsequent rallies reflected technical conditions within the markets, and a realisation that the future went to a normal correction.

EXPORT SITUATION

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The Commission also received information on possible duty reductions on fish products and other goods to be negotiated in similar talks with Japan.

N.Y. COTTON MARKET REVIEW

By William Plunkett

New York, Apr. 3.

Cotton futures finished the week with minor gains and losses after swaying haphazardly over a range of 83 a bale.

Price-weakening factors included the slackening volume of raw cotton exports, in face of uncertainty as to the Government's intention to handle the new export subsidy policy.

Nearby contracts bore the brunt of the selling, with the May delivery dropping to 33.19 cents a pound in the mid-week, setting the lowest spot month price in four weeks.

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SPEED UP

Chairman Edgar B. Brossard told the United Press the Commission intends to report the result of its week-long hearings to President Eisenhower within the next two weeks although the law allows a 120-day study period. He said the work would be accelerated so that the President may forward the information to the US delegations already in Switzerland and Japan.

The Commission's report will not be made public unless it is disputed by the President who must then take it up with Congressional committees.

The idea of giving the Swiss tariff cuts to compensate them for the hike in which tariffs was vigorously protested by most of the industry's spokesmen appeared before the Commission.—United Press.

U.S. RAW COTTON EXPORTS

New York, Apr. 3.

Raw cotton exports by destination were reported in bales by the New York Cotton Exchange for the 1954-55 season to March 28 were as follows:

Britain 1,405,424
Oriens 812,403
Canada 189,077
Total for season 2,387,842
Since start of year 2,377,424
excluding Interim—United Press.

It added that other signatories of the conference coffee resolution already had endorsed the results of the conversations here. The resolution, signed by all Latin American coffee producers, calls for a meeting to study the convenience of setting up an international coffee agreement.—United Press.

British Steel Mission

New Delhi, Apr. 3.

A British mission arrived here by air today to discuss plans for the setting up of a British steel plant in India.

It is expected the British plant would have an output of 1,000,000 tons of steel a year and would be located at Durgapur in Bengal.

India recently signed an agreement with Russia for the building of a steel plant in central India. Another plant is being built with German assistance in eastern India.—Reuter.

LACK OF NEWS SLOWS MARKETS

From Our Own Correspondent

London, Apr. 3.

Both quietness and firmness of the London stock markets last week could be largely ascribed to the lack of national newspapers.

With the main body of investors unable to get information about movement of prices or current company news the volume of business was down to a minimum. Only good news filtered though to the markets and bad news remained unreported.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$410,920,300. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS 1530 7 1533

INSURANCES 963

DOCKS, ETC. 6012

X-Wharf 6012 24.70

FERRY (O) 24.70

X-ALL 12 1000 20 11.82

WHEELOCK 11.82 7.50 1000 7.20

LAND, ETC. 17.40 17.15 1000 17.20

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STORY, ETC. 2015

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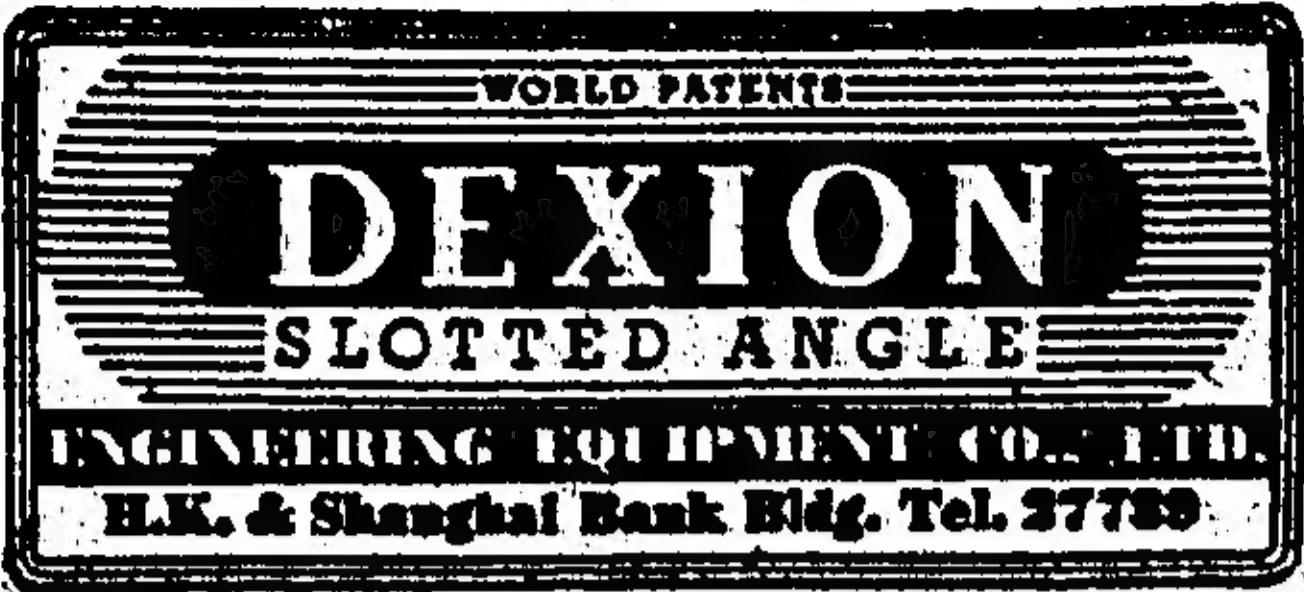
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Clean Bill

WHEN they had watched him for long enough, trying the door-handles of parked cars, the two policemen closed in on Edward.

"We're arresting you," one of them said, "for being a suspected person, loitering with intent to steal from unattended cars."

"You can't, it's a lie. I've just come from my work," Edward cried, so loudly that the afternoon crowds in the West End street slowed their steps, sensing drama.

"Come along," the policeman said.

"You can't do this. I'm a neurotic. I done nothing."

LIES!

BUT the police had their way, and the crowd saw Edward led off. A short, fair man, with receding hair and a jazzy moustache.

At Bow Street next morning he pleaded not guilty to the charge against him. The police told their story to Mr E. G. Robey, the magistrate, then Edward was invited to ask questions.

"Do you deny you've been telling a pack of lies?" he asked.

"I do deny it," the policeman answered.

" Didn't I beg you to let me go to hospital?"

"On the way to the station you did discuss a neurotic complaint."

Edward was asked if he wished to give evidence on oath.

TILL NEVER KNOW

HE preferred to speak from the dock. He said: "At the rate I'm going, I'm going to have a whole page of 'sus' charges against me. Every time I come to London, they get me. And I've done nothing. Till the day I die, I'll never know why last time I got 12 months at London Sessions."

"You shouldn't tell me about your bad character, but about yesterday," the magistrate retorted.

"Pah!" Edward cried, curling his lip like an actor in melodrama. "About yesterday nothing—only I'm innocent."

NO COMMENT

"YOU'VE put it to the police that they've committed perjury," said the magistrate. "They can't do that sort of thing, you know."

For a moment Edward seemed to be casting round for a comment. Then he gave up, as if not trusting himself. Instead, he said: "My only trouble is I'm neurotic. I've got a hospital I need."

The case was found proved. "Anything known?" the magistrate asked.

There were seven previous convictions against Edward, and the last had labelled Edward as an incorrigible rogue.

"He tells me he started a job in a restaurant three days ago," said a detective.

MOMENT OF CRISIS

"I SHALL remand you for a medical report," said the magistrate, and hearing that, Edward's expression sweetened, and indignation fell away from him. He took his leave of the court like a child, leaving a party who has suddenly remembered he should have his manners with him.

A week later, Edward was brought back. He looked a new man, full of confidence. The doctors' report was handed to the magistrate and expectancy lit Edward's face.

Then the magistrate looked up. His expression was grave, and Edward's taut. They might have been doctor and patient steeling themselves to a crisis.

The magistrate spoke. The colour drained from Edward's face, he swayed on his feet, leaning heavily on the gavel, was shown out, to await sentence once more at Sessions as an incorrigible rogue. The doctors had given him a clean bill of health.

OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

LABOUR PARTY'S WORST SPLIT IN ITS HISTORY

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Mar. 30. There were two things at least which must have warmed the cockles of the heart of Prime Minister R. G. Menzies on his return from London and Washington talks at the weekend.

First was the shattered unity in the ranks of the Australian Labour Party; the second the engagement of his only daughter, Heather.

Perhaps never before in its long history has the Labour Party been so torn apart and on such a widespread front. Previously the Party, with its iron discipline, has either been able to keep its troubles simmering below the surface or confine revolts to narrow fronts. Even the bitter long fight of the 30's was, generally speaking, kept to NSW.

Now, however, practically every State is involved and each State has its warring factions.

One has to be pretty well up in Labour doctrine to keep tab of all that is happening, but at the back of it all is a devout Roman Catholic, Mr Santamaria, a Melbourne lawyer, having no active part in politics but said to have his hands on more strings than the operator of a puppet show. Then there is an indefinable something just known to the Movement. The Movement is a sort of secret society within the Party.

Leader of the Parliamentary Labour Party, Dr Evatt — who is also Leader of the Opposition — sometime ago made a pretty direct attack on Mr Santamaria — and from then on the Party has been at war.

It has been said that Doc Evatt — the first leader of the Party for a long time who is not a member of the Roman Catholic Church — has bought into a sectarian fight; it has also been said that the Doc will not be a Labour Prime Minister.

His said the construction and financing of the Olympic Stadium at the Melbourne Cricket Ground and Olympic Park had been handed over to a special construction committee.

HEADS WILL ROLL

Be that as it may, it is certain that pretty soon the Labour Party is going to clamp down on someone. Its whole strength is gathered from loyalty to Party and platform and this rebellion will not be tolerated.

Some heads are going to roll and while the Doc's will not be included, it would be not surprising to see some pretty dramatic changes take place before the next elections.

And while all this is unlikely to bring joy to the hearts of the Labour bosses it certainly does much to put spring into the step of the Prime Minister. So much so that it is an open secret that he is toying with the thought of an election of both the House of Representatives and the Senate next year — which would be very much before its time.

The excuse is to bring the election of the two Houses together again and so repair the break caused by the last double dissolution, but there is much more to the Camberra press talk that he is hoping to catch Labour with its pants down.

WARSPIR'S FAREWELL

The old cruiser Australia was rolled down the Harbour on Saturday on her way to Britain and the wrecker's yards — and created far more interest than she ever did as flagship and pride of the Australian Fleet.

By special permission of the Naval Board flags on Garden Island signalled "Goodbye Australia" as the tow began. Flags on the hulk — again by permission — "Goodbye Australia".

More than 100 members of the HMAS Australia Veterans' Association and other ex-servicemen followed her down the harbour on the Showboat, specially chartered by the ship-breakers who have bought the vessel from the Federal Government.

Four former commanding officers were there to see her off. Rear-Admiral H. J. Buchanan and Rear-Admiral H. B. Farcombe saluted the old ship as the Admiral's Barge, Rear-Admiral H. M. Burnett and Captain G. C. Oldham, followed the ship from Garden Island.

After 27 years of serving the nation, including just about all World War II was zone, maybe the old ship deserved to be piped to her grave.

ONE BRIGHT SPOT

Tomorrow we leave behind one of the most unhappy months of March on record; it has rained just about every day; towns on rivers throughout the State have been ravaged; people with homes on the flat lands down the eastern coast are living on a hair-trigger. One bright spot — more than £1,000,000 have been subscribed by ordinary people to help the flood victims start again.

OLYMPICS MISGIVINGS

For the last two years or more we have been muttering dark and unpatriotic misgivings about the Olympic Games, set down for Melbourne next year.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Well, if Susie's mother is almost ready to let her use lipstick, just tell her your mother almost gave you permission too!"

OCCUPATION OF HK ECHO

Leave Granted To Swear Death Of Family

Leave to swear the deaths of three members of a family as having occurred at separate times during the Japanese occupation of the Colony was granted by Mr Justice J. R. Gregg, Puisne Judge, at the Supreme Court this morning.

The deceased were Mr Arthur Edward Jenkins, clerk, formerly of the Home for the Aged, Customs Pass Road, his wife, Mrs Nellie Jenkins, and their son, Mr Barney George Jenkins, both of 17 Hau Wong Road, first floor.

The applications were made by Mr R. W. S. Winter, instructed by Mr A. M. L. Soares, of Messrs Bruton and Co. on behalf of the Official Administrator.

Mr Winter said there were two comprehensive affidavits before the Court, one by his instructing solicitor and the other by Sister Gertrude of the Little Sisters of the Poor. The latter could be said to contain the positive evidence, and in Mr Soares' affidavit reference was made to advertisements relating to the deceased published in the South China Morning Post and the Wah Kai Yat Po on March 28, 1952.

Giving evidence, Sister Gertrude said she first met Mr Jenkins when he was admitted to the Home for the Aged in August, 1943. He died there on November 5 the same year. Prior to his death, witness had spoken to him and had been told by Mr Jenkins that his wife was dead. The Home took Mr Jenkins in when they were requested to do so by Dr F. H. Kew, who had also mentioned that Mr Jenkins was a widower. Witness knew the Jenkins also had a son, Barney, who had called at the Home several times while his father was there. Witness last saw the boy, who was 14 to 15 years old, outside the Hongkong Bank in 1944. He was then wearing what appeared to be a Japanese type military cap and also a Japanese sweater. Witness subsequently heard from someone that he had been killed by the Japanese, probably because he did something wrong. She had made enquiries about him and believed he was dead.

His Lordship granted leave to swear the death of Mr Jenkins as having occurred on or about November 5, 1943, that of Mrs Jenkins in or since 1942 and that of Mr Jenkins, Jr., in or since 1944.

GOVERNOR'S VISIT

His Excellency the Governor, and Lady Grantham, visited the Festival of Arts at Central Recreation ground this morning.

His Excellency and Lady Grantham were met at the Centre by Miss Janet Tomlin, Chairman of the Central Committee, and Mr John Stericker, member of the Divisional Arts Committee. They remained at the Centre for about an hour.

ON FIRST ENTERING, one finds on one's right a group of sculpture, some fine heads, two marble figures, a small half-statue of Dr Sun Yat-sen, and a welcome absence of Henry Moore's statues of holes made in stone — admirers of Moore please forgive my philistinism. This encouraging start leads on to a gallery mainly of oil paintings, including works of artists well to the fore in Hongkong, and others whose names will doubtless be seen again.

The members had to battle for finance, for materials, for sites, with shortages and more industrial troubles than you'd find in a battalion of misers, wharfies and seamens.

Now the president of the International Olympic Committee, Mr Avery Brundage, is here to investigate "disturbing reports."

Chairman of the Olympic Games Organising Committee in Melbourne, Mr W. S. Kent Hughes, said at the weekend that he wasn't pessimistic about the preparations for the Games.

It has been said that Doc Evans — the first leader of the Party for a long time who is not a member of the Roman Catholic Church — has bought into a sectarian fight; it has also been said that the Doc will not be a Labour Prime Minister.

It's said the construction and financing of the Olympic Stadium at the Melbourne Cricket Ground and Olympic Park had been handed over to a special construction committee.

"LOT OF TIME"

"There may be a bit of trouble at present with labour at these works, but although the work has got a little behind, we always had a lot of time up our sleeves and I am not worried about it," he said.

He added that there were far more hotels in Melbourne and while Helsinki and he was certain that every visitor would be comfortably accommodated. "We certainly have some headaches, but I have no doubt at all that we will get over them all right," he said.

That's fine. But Mr Kent Hughes will find that time up his sleeve is getting mighty short as the months move on, and unless someone takes a pretty strong powder for those headaches, he won't have to worry about the accommodation problem — where won't be any customers to create one.

ONE DISADVANTAGE

The water colours were ranged along another gallery. One always feels that they are seen at a disadvantage on account of the glass, which reflects the outer light and often gives the wrong emphasis. This struck me particularly in a fine picture of a giant clam in a dockyard, which is a beautiful composition where everything curves towards the topmost point of the frame. But the reflected light was at the foot of the picture, unless one stood in a certain position, then everything suddenly became right.

The portraits, on the whole are less successful than the genre paintings, but portraiture is perhaps the hardest of all pictorial arts — not only faces, but hands are so difficult. Maybe a true hand is an even severer test than a true facial expression; think of Leonardo's sketches of hands, and Durer, Rembrandt and the Spanish masters.

With portraits, of course, the photographer has a certain advantage, although it is not at all true that "the camera cannot lie."

In the pictures presented by the Hongkong Photographic Society, it is the portraits which stand out, both human and animal. The photographer can catch the perfect moment and record it for all time. It is not possible to go into detail, but visitors will glad the wonderful pictures of children and old people especially. There are some very clever trick photographs taken as though through glasses, or using shadows to create effects. In spite of technical progress, it is still the best pictures, the coloured prints are still too chocolate-boxy, and do not have the realistic quality of projected colour slides.

OLD HONGKONG

It is interesting to compare these modern photographs with those on exhibition of old Hongkong, some dating back 100 years, not only on account of the obvious development of Hongkong since then, and of

technical progress, but also the fact that they will enjoy it.

It is indeed encouraging to see what we in Hongkong have been able to create, and proof

of our EXHIBITION.

It is hoped that the attendance will reach at least 3,500 each day of this Exhibition. All citizens are urged to go and see it.

445 Million Gallons Of Water Gained

It was officially stated this morning that since the rains started last Thursday and up to 8 a.m. today, the gain in the Colony's water storage has been 445.12 million gallons.

The total water storage at 8 o'clock this morning was 2,323.27 million gallons.

The rains have not only helped the Colony's water supply, but they are said to have come just in time to save the year's first crop in the New Territories.

Amahs' Story Of Alleged Hold-Up

Two amahs who alleged they were the victims of a hold-up in Bowen Road on March 11 last testified before Judge A. D. Schools in the Victoria District Court this morning when two men, Lai Lai and Poon Cheuk, appeared for trial on a charge of robbery with aggravation.

They pleaded not guilty to robbing Ho Siu-ho of a wrist watch and \$10 and Ng Nam-hang of \$40. Mr A. C. Arculli, Jr., appeared for the second accused.

Insp. K. Bodie, prosecuting, said the complainants were amahs employed at Shaukiwan. About 8.20 p.m. on March 11, they were walking along Bowen Road to visit a friend in house No. 18 when a man overtook them and asked where they were going. He held what appeared to be a dagger in his hand. The amahs tried to turn back, but found their way blocked by two other men, one of whom also appeared to be holding a dagger.

One of the men told them not to shout or they would be killed. The amahs were then searched and property was taken from them. After this the three men ran off towards along Bowen Road.

The amahs made their way to No. 16 and reported the matter by telephone to the Police.

Later, in the police station, they saw two men brought in and first complainant identified first accused. She also identified her wrist watch.

Second accused was arrested by the Police about 2.30 a.m. on March 12 in a taxi at Weng Hang Village, Shaoduiyan, and first complainant subsequently picked him out at an identification parade as being very similar to one of the men who had robbed her.

The trial is proceeding.

Prosecution Fails To Prove Case

Chow Chun-hung, 24-year-old employee of the Hongkong Telephone Company, of 41, Shouson Hill Road, charged with exceeding the speed limit and assaulting a constable on duty, appeared before Mr Pooh Yan-hoi at Central this morning.

Defendant pleaded guilty to the first charge, but not guilty to the second.

Sub-Inspect. J. P. MacMahon prosecuted.</p